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The Montana Affiliate of the American Diabetic Association is sponsoring Camp Diamont - a camp for children aged 8 to 14 years, with Diabetes Mellitus - again this summer. The dates are July 22 through July 28 at Hyalite Junior Camp south of Bozeman.

Camp Diamont is staffed by several competent and experienced volunteers including doctors, nurses, dietitians, and counselors to provide 24-hour supervision and service. Dr. Doug Schumacher recruits and schedules 7 Bozeman physicians who each spend 24 hours at camp.

This year we will have students in Elementary Education, Home Economics, Nursing, and Physical Education from Montana State University working in our camp program. These students will have an opportunity to learn, first hand, about Diabetes, earn University credit, and contribute their time and talents to provide and share a camping experience.

Camp Diamont provides an educational and healthful camping experience for children with Diabetes. It's exciting for children to meet others their own age - all of whom have the same problem - and learn that these problems need not keep them from having a lot of fun once they know what to do about them.

Children with Diabetes, 8 to 14 years of age, are encouraged to attend Camp Diamont. The cost is $75.00 per camper. No child has ever been denied admission to camp because of the parents' inability to pay the camp fee.

Anyone interested in Camp Diamont as a camper or counselor should send for an application to: Box 2411, Great Falls, Montana. All applications will be reviewed by the Camp Committee.

NUTRITION CONFERENCE

The Montana Nutrition Council will sponsor a Nutrition Conference on the Montana State University Campus in Bozeman, June 19, 20, and 21, 1979.

The Conference is planned for anyone interested in nutrition and/or involved in any nutrition education (nurses, health educators, teachers, consumers, etc.).

Scheduled speakers and their subjects are: Indexing Nutritional Quality of Food - Dr. Gaurth Hansen, Utah State University; Food Additives . . . Concerns and Uses - Kathy Bruner, Food and Drug Administration; Nutrition and the Young Athlete, Dr. Nathan Smith, University of Washington, School of Medicine; Use of Materials in Teaching Nutrition - Dr. Gloria Kinney, National Dairy Council; Teaching Nutrition Effectively - Doris Derelian, former program director for the California Dairy Council Health Services Continuing Education Programs; Foods Around the World - Bertha Clow, former faculty member, Montana State University.

Housing will be available in the University dormitories. Persons wanting additional information should contact Louise Oman, Preventive Health Services Bureau, phone 449-2645, in Helena.

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IS YOUR CHILD SAFE IN THE CAR?

Montana public health and school nurses now have an opportunity to participate in a program that can help reduce infant and child injury and mortality due to automobile accidents.

The program is a statewide effort, coordinated by the Montana Highway Traffic Safety Division, to encourage Montana parents to protect infants and children with approved, crash-tested child and infant restraints whenever youngsters ride in automobiles.

Currently, only about seven percent of children are protected by child restraints. Studies show that faithful use of restraint devices could reduce child mortality in automobile accidents by 90 percent.

Nurses, especially, can be effective in educating and motivating parents to utilize child restraints, through hospital programs, in medical clinics and through personal contacts. Several programs have been proposed:

IN-HOSPITAL PROGRAMS -- Hospital maternity wards are an ideal setting for communicating the infant/child auto safety message to new parents. Learning the benefits and use of infant car restraints becomes another aspect of learning to care for and protect the newborn.

INFANT/CHILD RESTRAINT LOAN/RENTAL PROGRAMS -- Professional groups and service organizations can promote the cause of child auto safety by making safe infant/child restraints easily available to parents through programs that rent or loan safety restraints for the nine months or so they are needed for the infant. Usually, a refundable deposit or fee is paid that is considerably less than the cost of purchasing the safety restraint.

MEDICAL CLINICS AND PERSONAL CONTACTS -- Parents who bring their children to see pediatricians, mothers obtaining prenatal care, home visits and other medical situations offer nurses many opportunities to explain to parents the benefits of using child/infant restraints for all auto travel.

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WORKBOOKS with detailed outlining of possible programs are available through the Highway Traffic Safety Division. Also available are films, filmstrips, brochures, posters and other educational materials.

Anyone wanting more information should contact Sylvia Casey, Project Coordinator, Montana Highway Traffic Safety Division, Capitol Station, Helena, Montana 59601. Phone: 449-3412.

ASSESSMENT TOOLS

Those who haven't seen a couple of new assessment aids may be interested in writing for further information to the addresses listed below. Sherri Donovan, Polson School Nurse, shared with us the CIP (Comprehensive Identification Process) Kit for developmental assessment and the Blackbird Vision Screening System for preschool, kindergarten, and special education children.

Scholastic Testing Services, Inc.
480 Meyer Road
Bensenville, Illinois 60106

Blackbird Vision Screening System
P. O. Box 7424
Sacramento, California 96826

TOLL-FREE TELEPHONE SYSTEM AT EPILEPSY CENTER NOW AVAILABLE

A toll-free telephone system is now available for use by people in the WAMI region who have questions or concerns about epilepsy.

The Epilepsy Information Line, a service of the University of Washington Epilepsy Center, is offered to provide confidential access to information about the disorder. The line, available 24 hours a day, can provide people with information about services available to them in their own town or in other locations, about the Northwest's Epilepsy Association network and about general areas of concern or interest.

Montana residents may call 1-800-426-0660.

The Center will respond to questions with written correspondence.

???? OF INTEREST ??

How To Put JOY Into Geriatric Care, 2nd. Ed.
By Nancy Fox

Hardbound $7.95 *Paperback $4.95*

BOTH ADD 75¢ Postage and Handling

ORDER FROM: *Geriatric Press, Inc.*
1421 N.E. 8th Avenue
Bend, Oregon 97701

"Bows and Arrows - A Quarterly Newsletter for Family Enrichment"

Sample Issue $1.50; One Year Subscription $5.00; Free Brochure

ORDER FROM: *Bows and Arrows*
Room H
7520 West Lane
Eden, New York 14057

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SOME LEGISLATIVE FINALS

Below are listed a number of actions of the Legislature that have or may have had impact on nurses, nursing or other health services:

House Bill		Status
40	TO PROVIDE FOR A SENIOR CITIZEN REPRESENTATIVE ON BOARD OF NURSING HOME ADMINISTRATORS.	Signed by Governor 3/20
112	TO IMPROVE THE DELIVERY OF HUMAN SERVICES THROUGH THE DEVELOPMENT AND IMPLEMENTATION OF A PLAN TO PROVIDE FOR ONE-STOP SERVICE . . .	Signed by Governor 4/9
115	TO PROHIBIT THE SALE OF CERTAIN LOW NUTRITIONAL FOOD ON SCHOOL PREMISES . . .	Killed in Human Services 1/22
157	TO REQUIRE LABEL OF A PRESCRIPTION DRUG TO INDICATE THE DRUG'S COMPATIBILITY WITH ALCOHOL.	Killed in Human Services 1/19
166	DHES TO ADOPT AND ENFORCE RULES FOR CONTROL OF COMMUNICABLE DISEASE . . .	Signed by Governor 2/19
196	ESTABLISHING A DIVISION OF VISUAL SERVICES IN DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL AND REHABILITATION SERVICES . . .	Signed by Governor 4/9
206	TO ELIMINATE MEDICAL-RELATED QUALIFICATION FOR DIRECTOR OF DHES . . .	Killed in Human Services 1/29
235	TO FACILITATE DESIGNATION OF NONSMOKING AREAS IN PUBLIC PLACES . . .	Signed by Governor 2/29
289	TO REVISE THE METHOD OF FUNDING DIRECT LOCAL PUBLIC HEALTH SERVICES . . .	Killed in Local Government 2/20
445	TO PROVIDE A COST OF LIVING INCREASE IN CERTAIN RETIREMENT ALLOWANCES PAYABLE UNDER PERS.	Signed by Governor 3/26
490	TO REQUIRE COUNTY CLERKS TO CHARGE A FEE FOR COPIES OF BIRTH AND DEATH CERTIFICATES.	Signed by Governor 4/9
Senate Bill		
109	ACT CLARIFYING THE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN THE DHES AND LOCAL BOARDS OF HEALTH.	Signed by Governor 3/17
169	ACT REQUIRING DEPARTMENT HEAD OF EACH STATE EXECUTIVE AGENCIES TO WORK IN FIELD . . .	Indefinitely Postponed
175	ACT PROVIDING FOR IMMUNIZATION OF PUPILS IN SCHOOLS . . .	Signed by Governor 3/20
186	ACT TO ALLOW LICENSED FOSTER PARENTS TO ADMINISTER CERTAIN TYPES OF MEDICATION.	Signed by Governor 3/20

(Legislative Finals, Cont'd.)

Senate Bill

287	TO REDUCE GOVERNMENT PAPERWORK BY REQUIRING ALL STATE AGENCIES TO REVIEW FORMS . . .	Signed by Governor 3/22
296	TO INCLUDE TRIBAL JUDGES ON THE LIST OF OFFICIALS AUTHORIZED TO SOLEMNIZE MARRIAGE.	Signed by Governor 3/23
301	ACT REVISING STATE LAWS RELATING TO CHILD ABUSE, NEGLECT AND DEPENDENCY . . .	Signed by Governor 4/12

PEOPLE NEWS AND DIRECTORY CHANGES

EUNICE HAS A PHONE! Eunice Kelly, Nursing Consultant with the Bureau of Nursing, now has a phone in her Corvallis office.

Call her at: 961-3163!

EUNICE HAS AN ACCIDENT! Eunice Grewell, Carbon County Nurse with the North Carbon County Health Association, recently was involved in a spectacular auto accident. Fortunately neither she nor anyone with her was seriously hurt. Our best wishes for a speedy recovery!

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DIRECTORY CHANGES

Please make the following changes and corrections in your Community Health Nurse Directory:

BEAVERHEAD COUNTY
Marjean Wagner, RN replaces
Clarabel Bogut, RN
Beaverhead County Courthouse
Dillon, Montana 59725
Phone: 683-4771

BLAINE COUNTY
Mary Pyette
Phone: 357-2345

CUSTER COUNTY
Joyce Conley - resigned

DAWSON COUNTY
Lois Sadorf
Box 811, not 281

FERGUS COUNTY
Add: Darla Black, RN
Fergus County Health Dept.

FLATHEAD COUNTY
KoLynn F.E. Pitts, RN
(Replacing Pam Jeffcock)
Teenage Pregnancy Project
723 5th Avenue East
Kalispell, Montana 59901
Phone: 755-5300, ext. 338

PHILLIPS COUNTY
Pat Stene not Stone

SANDERS COUNTY
Mary Anne Peterson
Resigned to be a mother

STATE OFFICE
Eunice Kelly, Nursing Consultant
1044 Coal Pit
Corvallis, Montana 59858
Phone: 961-3163

HAPPENINGS--

DATE	TOPIC/SPONSOR	LOCATION
June 1-2, 1979	The First 30 Minutes/Rimrock E.D.N.A.; Contact Irene Hegg, 657-7000. Registration $20 - $40.	Billings (Ramada Inn)
June 4-5, 1979	Respiratory Intensive Care/University of Montana Center for Continuing Education; Western Montana Clinic; Contact WMHEC, Main Hall 107, University of Montana. $35.00 pre-registration.	Missoula (Western Montana Clinic)
June 11-15, 1979	Total Parenteral Nutrition/University of Montana School of Pharmacy. Limited to 12 students; Contact Georgia Payton (243-4621). $50.00.	Missoula (University of Montana Chemistry-Pharmacy Building)
June 15-15, 1979	Advanced Life Support for Nurses/WMHEC; University of Montana Center for Continuing Education; Contact EMS Council, Region 1A, 525 West Pine, Missoula. $15.00.	Missoula (Kennedy Hall School of Nursing 252 West Pine)
June 18-19, 1979	The Developmentally Disabled Child/University of Arizona; Contact Mary Jane Welty, College of Nursing, University of Arizona, Tuscon, AZ 85721. $30.00/Credit hour.	Tuscon, Arizona (University of Arizona)
June 24-26, 1979	Third Annual Institute on Delivery of Human Services to Rural People/American Rural Health Association; Contact UAB Special Services, University of Alabama in Birmingham, 917 S. 11th Street, Birmingham, Alabama 35282, Attn.: George M. Faulk. $25.00	Gulf State Park Resort Gulf Shores, Alabama

last chance

If you want to continue to be one of the lucky folk who receive this publication, be sure we hear from you. Otherwise your name will be deleted from the list of those who criticize, contribute, and even compliment our newsletter.

CONTINUE TO SEND ____ COPIES TO:

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

WELL CHILD CLINICS / CONFERENCES

DO YOU HAVE WELL CHILD CLINICS/CONFERENCES? ___ Yes ___ No

IF NO, would you be interested in starting these services with assistance? ___ Yes ___ No

IF YES:

Staffing		Location	Day of the Month	Time
MD	RN			

PLEASE RETURN TO FAY SWEENEY BY JUNE 15, 1979 AT:

Maternal and Child Health Bureau
State Dept. of Health and
Environmental Sciences
Cogswell Building
Helena, Montana

COUNTY: _____

NURSE: _____

PHONE #: _____

Bureau of Nursing
State Department of Health
and Environmental Sciences
Cogswell Building
Helena, Montana 59601

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